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SUBJ: VP TRIP:CONTINUED PRESS COVERAGE OVER PLANNED VISIT  
TO EAST JERUSALEM

1. TODAY'S PRESS CONTINUES THE PROMINENT COVERAGE OF THE  
CONTROVERSY SWIRLING AROUND THE QUESTION OF THE VICE PRESI-  
DENT PLANNED VISIT TO THE WESTERN WALL. THE TEMPEST IS  
CITED, ALONG WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S CRITICISM OF THE  
GOI'S REJECTION OF EGYPT'S NEW PLAN FOR THE WEST BANK AND  
GAZA, AS SPOILING THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE MONDALE VISIT.  
DAVAR (BLOCH) AND AL HAMISHMAR (SHECHORI) REPORT JERUSALEM  
FEARS THAT THE NATURE OF THE VISIT WILL BE MUCH MORE POLITICAL  
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THAN CEREMONIAL. AND THE JERUSALEM POST QUOTES A "HIGHLY  
PLACED ISRAELI OFFICIAL" AS EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT IF  
THE US CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT ANY VISIT TO EAST JERUSALEM  
BE PRIVATE, "THE MONDALE GOOD WILL VISIT WILL BECOME AN  
OCCASION OF LACK OF GOOD WILL."

2. ECHOING A SIMILAR OPINION WAS MAARIV IN THE ONLY EDI-

TORIAL TODAY ON THE SUBJECT. ACCORDING TO MAARIV, "THIS ATTITUDE IS THREATENING TO TURN THE VISIT INTO AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF CONTROVERSY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." THE EDITORIAL NOTES "THAT SADAT VISITED THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM WITHOUT ANY HESITATION BUT THE US VICE PRESIDENT IS NOT PREPARED TO CROSS THE IMAGINARY LINE BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES UNLESS IT IS CLEAR HE IS DOING IT UNOFFICIALLY."

3. MOST PAPERS REPORT MAYOR TEDDY KOLLEK'S STATEMENT LAST NIGHT BEFORE A MEETING OF THE JERUSALEM PRESS CLUB THAT IF MONDALE'S TOUR OF EAST JERUSALEM DOES NOT TAKE PLACE, HE WILL BOYCOTT THE VISIT. FOR EXAMPLE, ACCORDING TO DAVAR, KOLLEK SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT BE CONTENT WITH A MONDALE VISIT TO THE WESTERN WALL. HE MAINTAINED THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD TOUR BOTH PARTS OF JERUSALEM AND SUGGESTED THE SAME ROUTE TAKEN BY PRESIDENT SADAT WHEN HE VISITED EAST JERUSALEM. WITH ELIYAHU BEN ELISSAR, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, AN HONORED GUEST AT THE MEETING, KOLLEK CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TOLD MONDALE RIGHT FROM THE START "NOT TO COME" IF IT WERE HIS INTENTION NOT TO VISIT EAST JERUSALEM. KOLLEK NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT NOW IT WAS TOO LATE FOR THIS TYPE OF REACTION. YEDIOT AHARONOT (ZIMUKI) QUOTES CIRCLES IN JERUSALEM AS EXPRESSING SURPRISE AT KOLLEK'S SHARP STATEMENTS, NOTING THAT IN THE PAST A NUMBER OF AMERICAN POLITICAL LEADERS HAD REFRAINED

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FROM VISITING EAST JERUSALEM OFFICIALLY.

4. ALONE AMONG TODAY'S NEWSPAPERS, MAARRIV (WACHSMAN) CLAIMS THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL VISIT THE WESTERN WALL UNDER ISRAELI AUSPICES. IN A PAGE 1 ARTICLE, THE MASS CIRCULATION DAILY REPORTS THAT ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED WHETHER HE WILL MAKE AN OFFICIAL TOUR OF EAST JERUSALEM, MONDALE'S VISIT TO THE WESTERN WALL WILL BE MADE WITH AN "OFFICIAL ESCORT." MAARIV ADDS THAT THIS WOULD BE THE EQUIVALENT OF PAYING AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO EAST JERUSALEM.

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